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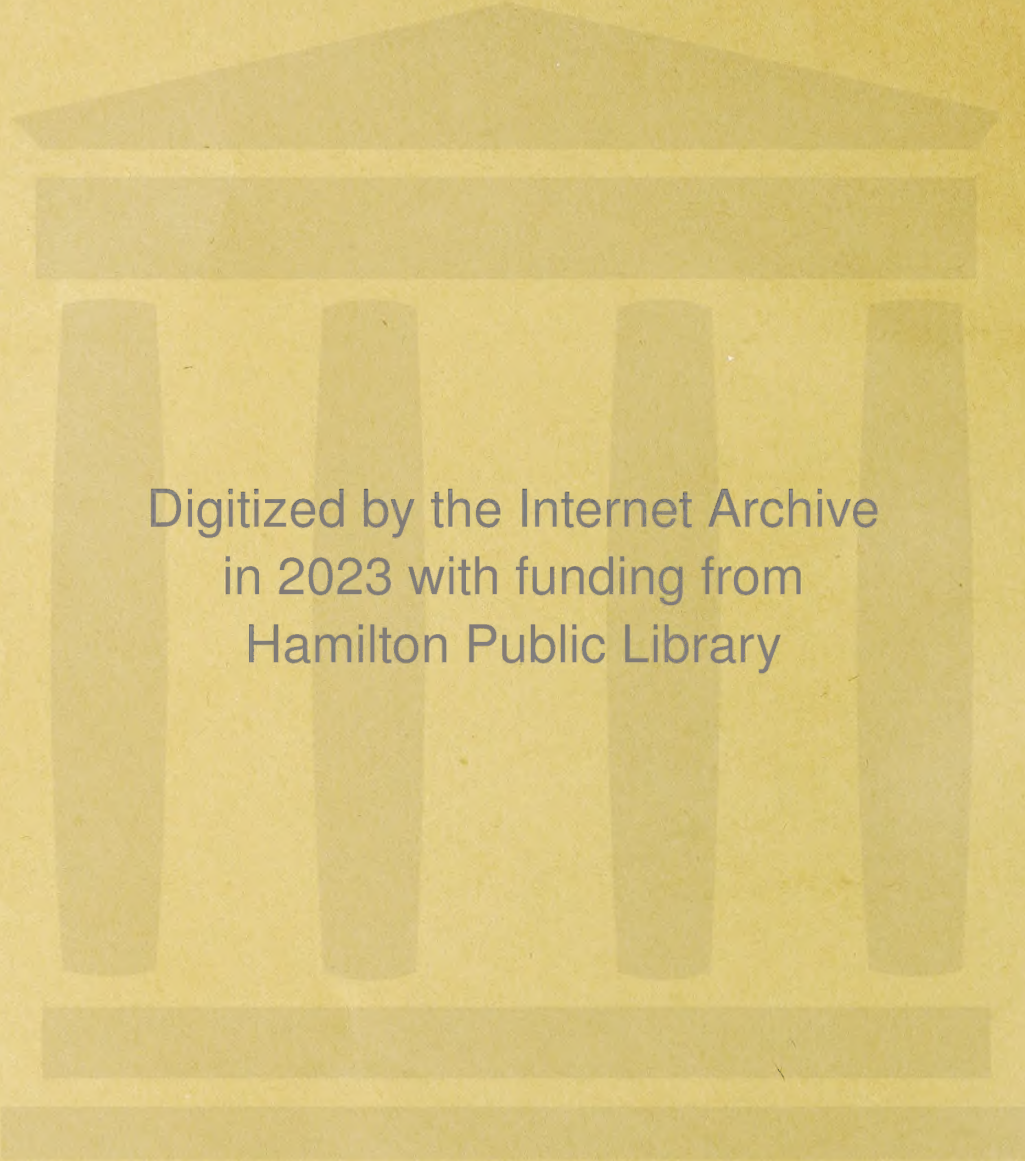
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FROM REER'S HISTORY OF CLARK COUNTY OHIO- 1881

In the year 1805 there came from Virginia two brothers, Andrew and Samuel Black, who together selected and later entered Section 25, dividing it between them, the former coming in possession of the southern half. This is the first trace we have of a settlement in what now comprises Pike Township, Clark County, Ohio.

They returned to their Virginia home, where Andrew had left a wife and one child. Samuel was an unmarried man. The following year (1806) after due preparation had been made, Andrew accompanied by his family and brother, again turned his course westward for the chosen spot of their future home. Upon the southern half of Section 25 was erected the first cabin in the township. It was the rude log pole cabin of the day. Soon a space of five acres was deadened and the underbrush cleared, and the first crop of corn planted which was carefully cared for by these first comers, but the squirrels were so numerous that when the gathering season came, but three bushels were gathered.

These men were both natives of Montgomery County, Virginia, Andrew being born March 6, 1783, and dying on the homestead October 18, 1854. He was buried in what is now known as the Black Cemetery.

Samuel Black died in the year 1814 and was interred in the same burial ground. He served as Captain in the War of 1812, where he contracted the fatal disease of consumption, which terminated in his death. Andrew also performed some service as a scout in that war.

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NOTE: The following pages contain the Notes and Diary of Samuel Black kept by him during his service in the War of 1812. The original note book is owned by The Clark County Historical Society and it is published here with their kind permission. We have published this important manuscript because it contains so much information concerning the Scioto Valley and so many names of the early pioneers in this part of Ohio.

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A Memorandum of Orders and receipts received relative to the service of the Militia under my Command from the 24th of August 1812 and onward.

Samuel Black, Capt.

Marching Orders	No. 1
Orders for Hembelman's discharge	No. 2
Order for Vanard permit	No. 3
Williams and Hamilton's transfer to the artificary	No. 4
Murphy's permit	No. 5
Galloway's order	No. 6
Fowler's receipt	No. 7
Murphy's transfer	No. 8
Order for discharging Bone	No. 9
Order for discharge of Bigger	No. 10
Order for Drummer Smith	No. 11
Hamelton's Transfer	No. 12

A memorandum of Camp Equipage and other articles drawn for the use of the company under my Command called into the service of the United States, August 24th, 1812

Samuel Black, Captian

1812

Aug. 26 Received of Mr. Fowler, Quartermaster 29 muskets 29 cartridges-Boxes 29 flints 12 lb. of Powder, 24 lb of lead, 720 cartridges, 3 pots, 2 stew kettles, 1 spider, 2 barrels, 2 axes.

Sept. Returned 8 Muskets 8 cartridges, boxes, 8 flints and about 20 cartridges in each box.
Received 5 Muskets, 5 cartridges-Boxes and 24 cartridges with 5 flints 7 lb of lead, 3½ lb of powder, 2 camp kettles 10 wooden dishes and 1 Quire of paper.
Received of Colonel Sutton, 22 two andhalf point Blankets.

Sept. 29 Received of Mr. Fowler, 11 Tents.

Oct. 3 Received of Colonel Sutton 4 tin kettles, 3 axes.
" 5 Received of Colonel Sutton, 6 tin kettles, 3 camp kettles, 15 lb of lead, 8 lb of powder, 100 flints and 26 dozen of cartridges

Oct. 8 Received of Colonel Safford, 1 two point Blanket.
17 Received of Colonel Safford, one two and half point and one 2 point blankets and one quire of paper.
19 Received one ax of Colonel Safford.

- Oct. 1 Returned Jacob Fowler, 2 pots and one skillet.
 4 Left at Camp at King's Creek by order of the Quartermaster and Major Galloway, 1 pot and 2 stew kettles
 Lost one ax at Urbana and left 2 barrels.
 Nov. 6 Received of Major Galloway one blank-book, one quire of common paper, three half quires of letter paper, three dozen and a half of Quills and half a paper of Ink powder.
 Received of Major Galloway, 5 Blankets size, one a 9 point, 2 - 8 points and 2-7 points.
 7 Received of Major Galloway one seven point and one sex point blanket.

The following is an account of the persons drafted to form my Company or at least those delivered to me in the service and a memorandum of the substitutes received.

Samuel Black, Capt.

First Drafts

Substitutes

Of Captian Black's Company

John Black, 1st Sergt.
 William Smith, 2nd Sergt.
 Henry Williams, 1st Corp.
 Daniel Leffel, 2nd Corp.
 Levy Williams
 Francis Kelly
 Robert Russel
 Henry Morris
 Abner Kelly
 William McCoy
 Presley Forgey
 Hugh M. Wallace

John Hays
 James Buckhanon

John Conklin
 James Hamelton

Bejamin Evans
 James Black

Of Captian Lingles Company

Robert Smith
 Henry Bugzest
 Joseph McIntire
 David Lard
 Thomas Murphy
 Hugh Read

ed)
 Abner Hall (Oct.8,1812 desert-
 Robert Blany
 Daniel Goble

Of Captain Cox's Company

Edward Armstrong
 John Wood
 Alexander Elliott
 Henry Manford
 William Birt
 William Dill

John H. Moore

Benjamin Ritter (Deserted)

Ensn. Clavenger's Company

Jonathan Donald
 Layton Palmer
 Samuel Smith
 John Albin

William Harrison
 James Broaddus

(Continued) Ensn. Clavenger's Company

John Simmons
Thomas Gilliland
John Price
James Hays
John Elliott
John Smith
John Minick

William Williams
Ebenezer Melvin (Dec.11,1812)

John Hides
Peter Minick

The following are of Green County.

Alexander Ross
James Bruce
John Gilmore
Horatis Murphy
George Miller
George Hembleman
Coonrod Richards
George Baker
James Williamson
Peter Hushaw
William Cozad
David Curry
Jacob Casey
Jacob Confer (?)
John McCulley
Geroge Price, Ensn.
John Myers, 3rd Sergt.
Gaac Ellis, 3rd Sergt.
Hugh Hooks
William Beason
Francis Vanard
Zedock Wood
Samuel Thealy
George Bone
James McClure
Thomas Perkins
Littleton Hobbs
David Bonner
Jessy Gutton
Henry Dickensheets
John Kennedy
John Gaff
James McBride, Lieut.
Roswell W. Smith, Drummer
John Bigger

Richard Ivers (Oct.13,1812)
Robert Snodgrass (Dec.10th)
Deserted

Discharged

Davis Loofbowrrow
John Whalon

Jacob Loofbowrrow
John McFarland

Peter Black

Discharged to the spys.

Discharged

John Miller

Jesse McBride

Discharged.

1812, Nov. 10th, received of Major Galloway 24 dozen of Cartridges
eight and a half pounds of powder, 17 lb of lead and 30 flints.

Nov. 12th, received of Mr. Faylor Quartermaster, two pounds of
powder, 6½ pounds of lead, and six dozen of cartridges for the use
of my Company.

Dec. 5th, Received of Mr. Taylor A.Q.M., three Quires of common
writing paper, half a quire of letter paper three dozen of Quills
and half a paper of Ink powder for the use of my company and self.

November 7th, 1812 received of Capt. Samuel Black one eight quarter Blanket

Test
John Black

Benjamin Evans

1812-Nov. 7th, received of Capt. Samuel Black one eight quarter blanket.

Test
James Black

Jesse McBride

1812 Nov. 7th, received of Capt. Samuel Black one seven quarter Blanket.

Test
John Black

John W. Hays

1812 Nov. 7th, received of Capt. Samuel Black one seven quarter Blanket.

Test
John Black

his
John (X) Miller
mark

1812 Nov. 7th, received of Capt. Samuel Black one seven quarter Blanket.

Test

his
Joseph (X) McIntire
mark

1812, Nov. 17, received of Capt. Black one six quarter Blanket.

Test
James Black

his
George (X) Price
mark

1812 Dec. 15th, received of Capt. Samuel Black a Blanket, formerly Broaddus's

Test
James Black

his
George (X) Price
mark.

DAIRY OF SAMUEL BLACK - 1812

Nov. 14th, The pack horses returns from Finleys Blockhouse and brings into camp Several of the men given out on the expedition to the rapids (a cool windy day)

Nov. 15th, two men sent out of camp for a man left at fort Necessity and returns without him in the evening.-A man dies and is buried of Capt. Coutright's Company by the name of () after night. Six men and three horses goes after the sick man left at Necessity. Col. Sutton arrives in Camp.

November 16, News arrives in camp by Doct. Wilson and Mr. Vicars from the army, and informs us of the retreat and distress of the men after an engagement at the rapids.-Tells us of 4 men being killed in the battle. Colonel Sutton goes to meet the retreating army with all the horses in camp to help on the sick and wounded.

A soldier of Capt. Kirkwoods company dies and is buried by the name () in the evening.-Genl. Tupper arrives in Camp, and leaves the army (behind)? Major Nye and some others also arrives and after night several of the soldiers come in

after a march of near 40 miles during the day and part of the night. The sick man is brought in that was left at the Mud Fort.

Nov. 17th the principal part of the army returns to camp much worn out with fatigue. My company all returns but 4 men from the rapids. In the evening some powder takes fire in the publick store and blows up and burns Nietem.

(A fine clear day)

Nov. 18th Gen^l Tupper takes command in camp, Colonel Sutton returns to camp with the sick and wounded. Two more of my men come in and the other two we are told was left at the rapids in camp one sick the other to wait on him. Ten men goes home this morning on furlow.

(A cloudy windy day)

Nov. 19th, we were employed in cutting down some timber about the tents, and making a barrier against the smoke round the fire place, the two men sent back from Findley to Cook after the two men left at the rapids returns and found them not. A soldier of Capt. Russels Company by the name of () Murphy dies and is buried. A General parade in the evening at which General Tupper makes a farewell address to the troops considering himself not at liberty to command longer in consequence of an arrest. being forwarded from General Harrison after night two spies arrives who had been at General Vinchester's Camps and also had been at the rapids after the army left there and ~~xxx~~ says that not far from where the two men were left. They found a man killed, scalped and stripped naked lying on his face. The same we suppose to be James Buckhanon the man left with the sick man who was Zadock wood.

(A cool day and windy)

(The smoke very bad on the eyes)

Nov. 20th, A down cast look prevades the officers and men of the second Battalion and first Regiment in consequence of Colonel Sutton being ordered to leave camp to go and join his first Battalion until further ordered. General Tupper leaves camp accompanied by Major Gallowsay and Doct. Wilson. I received an order to take command of the Second Battalion etc. A General parade in the evening and Brigade orders read, first that Colonel Miller take command of the Brigade till superceded, that the order of the 6th Inst. for making sleds ~~xxx~~ be permitted to go from camp to hunt or straggle about, that the cartridges belonging to each soldier be all returned to the Q.M. of Brigade except six rounds - to each man.

(A cool morning a small skiff of snow fell over night but a clear day follows)

Nov. 21st, Colonel Sutton sets out for his first Battalion, in consequence of which John McMannus the clerk, and Mr. Reddin Sergeant, Major leaves camp and accompanies them- A part of the day is taken up in making a battalion report, in consequence of which our guards come lighter. Our battalion being reduced by furlowing and sickness- Colonel Miller has an hospital built up till putting on the roof.-

(A Clear moderate day, morning cool)

Nov. 22, All the publick horses that is idle in camp sent in to Urbana for keeping. A fatigue party ordered out to consist of 1 Capt, 1 Lieut., 2 Sergeants, 2 Corporals and 40 privates to repair the road to Solomons Town.-But does not start today-A general parade at which a man is buried by the name of () out of Captian Kirkwood's Company.

(A cool morning, but a pleasant and clear day)

Nov. 23, The following men are missing since the expedition to the

rapids-Killed Aron Scribner of Capt. Barrets Company, Jerimiah York of Capt. Thindledickers Company, Jadock Wood & James Buckhanon of Capt Black's Company, Jacob Young of Capt. Evans' Company, Joseph Hopkins of the Artificus.

Isaac Perrigin of Capt. Sheperds Company, (slightly wounded)

William Vinyard of Capt. Hunston's Company (Badly wounded in the shoulder-this account taken by Mr. Phillip Waldron of Capt. Armstrongs' Company.

A man by the name of Boots was buried out of Capt. Armstrong's Company.- I obtained a yoke of oxen to draw wood for the battalion, Mr. Ellis comes into camp for his son who has been very sick.

(Wet and raning in the morning after the day rises turns to snow and continues on till night)

Isaac Ellis father comes for him being sick.-

Nov. 24, a very cold morning snow nearly shoe mouth deep. A clear day) - Men generally engaged in procuring fire wood, a yoke of steer procured to draw fire wood- this morning Mr. Ellis sets out with his son and some others.

Nov. 25th, another very cold morning. The creek froze over with ice. A clear day and cool air. - Colonel Miller has his hospital covered with boards. Capt. Armstrong sets out yesterday morning for Chilli-cothe, and after going about 8 miles his horse gives out and he returns to camp at night. This morning sets out again on a new horse-- Ensign Price returns to camp having gone yesterday with Mr. Ellis on his way home six miles.

Nov. 26th, a cool morning as the day rises turns more moderate and begins to rain and rains part of the day. After breakfast Mr. Vicars the Caplain comes in and sets and converses a considerable time with us, he and myself goes over and pays Mr. Vanard the wounded man a visit.- In passing the General markee in the evening Major Nye brings fourth a patriatick song as he calls it, and sings it to us, which in substance is pretty windy.-

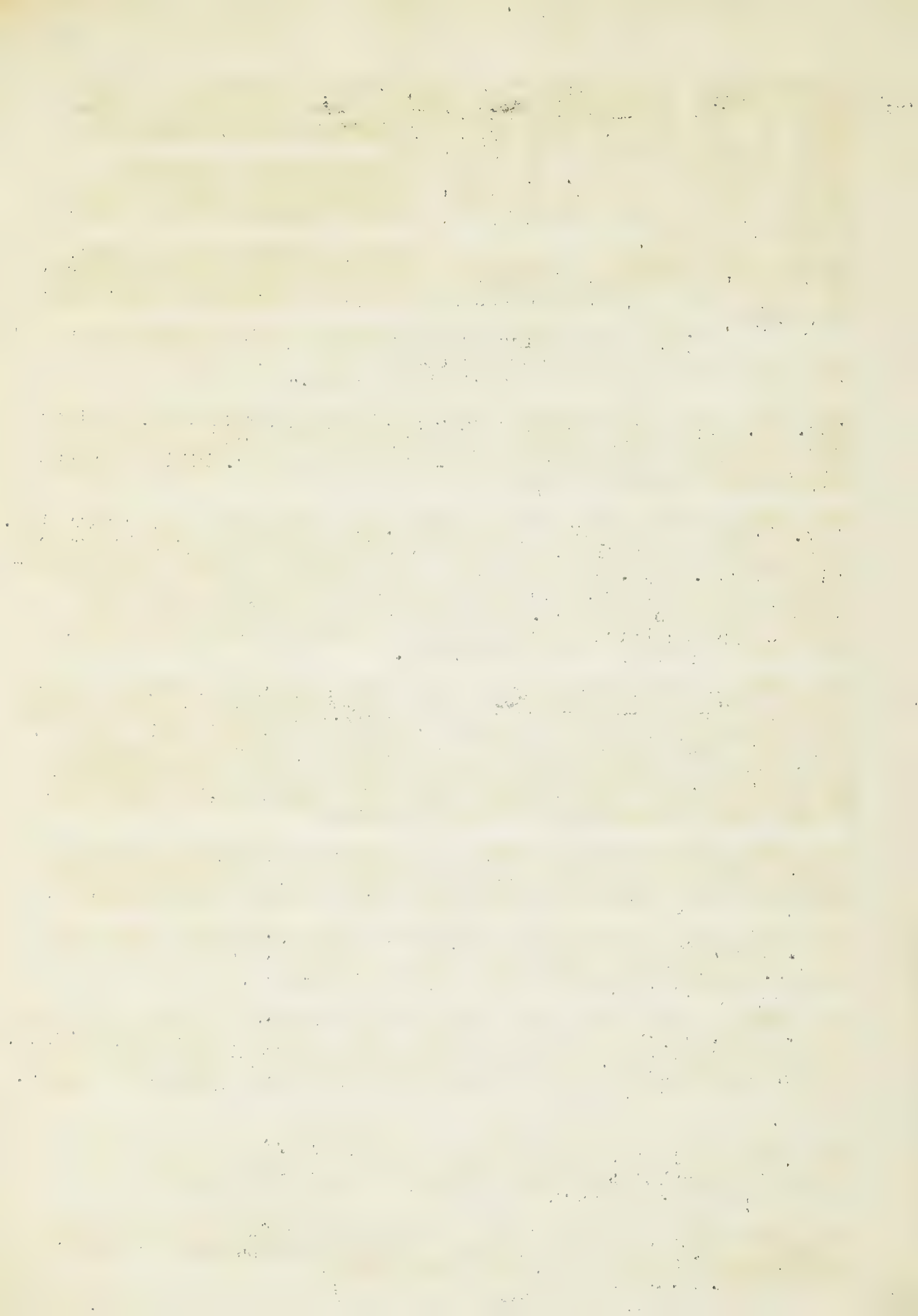
Nov. 27th, Being called on ~~the~~ to be officer of the day had an opputunity of going round the camp, found the centinels path much filled up with timber and brush,-the day moderate and favorable.

Nov. 28th. The day windy and the smoke very troublesome about the fires. Nothing very important occurs, a number of the men in the brigade engaged in getting out timber for sleds.

Nov. 29th, a very wet night lastnight this morning a number of tents wasswimming with water in the bottom, very wet and muddy underfoot . Major Nye orders all the men in camp to clear off a new encampment. late in the evening a man is buried out of Colonel Safford's regiment.

Nov. 30th, All the men in camp not on duty ordered out to build half faced cabbins or huts in the new camp. A cool day, in the evening begins to snow. Capt. Barrett arrives in Camp.-

Dec. 1st., Snow about half shoe mouth deep a fine day above head, a number of men go out to continue their camp building- A moderate day and the snow melts the ground muddy.



Dec. 2nd, The army commences moving into the new camp with about 3 waggons and part of the army only get moved. The guards left round the old camp through the night. A moderate day with some rain, ground very muddy.

Dec. 3rd, the army continues their moving today, and principally gets into the new camp. A large beech tree is felled today on Doct. Wilson's Markee and the publick store of Medison and destroys as some estimate between four and five hundred dollars worth of medicine and other property.-A man is buried yesterday out of Col. Safford's regiment.-The men busily employed in fixing their huts and half faced camps.-A moderate and cloudy day some little rain falls today.

Dec. 4th, the men busily fixing their camps. A heavy rain last night, the Sioto rises considerable a number of men go to secure the bridge from being moved with the water.- A very muddy day.

Dec. 5th, the men all ordered out to clear up the brush before the camps and make a breastwork, except so many as would build guard houses, which were sit to that business as a fatigue party.- A cool day, the smoke extremly bad on the eyes.

Dec. 6th, a company of about 40 pioneers sent to repair the road toward's Solomons town.-About the middle of the day devine service attended to in the evening late at dark. Gen. Tupper arrives in camp, at which the cannon was fired three times.- a fine pleasant day.

Dec. 7th, a snowy day, and unpleasant weather.-Colonel Sutton arrives in camp late in the evening.

Dec. 8th, made return of a monthly return of the 2nd Battalion and first regiment today.-Called in question about the orders given for provision, these and the morning reports of the Battalion having been compared.-The General gives a verbal order to me to have full rations drawn for those fit for duty and half rations for the men sick of the Battalion.

Dec. 9th, the general is pleased to moderate his order of yesterday about the provisions and the men present only are to draw and then full rations.

(A cold day)

December 10th, a cold day, the men in camp busily engaged (in some companies) in sled making- today I gave up command of the Battalion.

Dec. 11th, a Cold day.-Fresh orders-this morning about sled making Viz- to forward the business with a1l possible spped.

Dec. 12th, a very cold day with lightsnow falling all day- various conjectures about the desposition of this ~~xxxxx~~ brigade.

Dec. 14th, A man, a drummer of the third regiment is buried- new orders respecting the sled making- The business goes on with rapidity- the day moderate.

Dec. 15th, the sled making goes on. A moderate day.-permission ask- ed to go home and granted.

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